

#### HANSKA, A PROGRESSIVE RURAL COMMUNITY

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

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The nearest big city is more than axis miles away: there is a village of 900 inhabitants about fifteen miles out and a town of 5,000 about the me distance north-east. But even iese are distributing and store-keepg and residential places rather than hat we in the east would call manufacturing villages.

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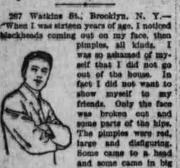
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Nineteen years ago a hundred farmon, the proper stand's corner, joined to establish a cooperative store. They put is \$15 each. This built the store. They put is \$15 each. This built the store. They borrowed money to stock up with. The first year, they made \$5,000, which, being sensible men, they kept right in the business. After that, they paid themsives dividends, stipulating, however, that one-fourth of each member's dividend should be retained till it amounted to a hundred dollars. They have at present a working capital of \$17,500, practically all made out of the huniness which started with \$1,500 paid bands among the members of the shurch's Young People's society. They furnish all the music that is desired at

# AND DISFIGURING

So Ashamed Did Not Go Out. In light's Time Full of Them. Cured by Cuticura Soap and Ointment.



There was no cure. Medicines, salves, a nothing helped, until I saw about the fours Ecap and Cintment in the paper, and them just as directions told page to my astenishment, I found a great gr Please den't let your racial prejudice of your pride in the Native American blood which half-a-dozen generations of New England-born ancestors have given you incline you to sneer when I add that Hanska is a colony of Norwegians. Practically all the original settlers were imigrants from that narrow northern kingdom. Practically all the inhabitants of the present town are their descendants of the first or second generation. The older people still speak Norse; the younger people speak both languages with equal facility. The church and Sunday school services aternate between English and Norwegian. Speakers at Community Hall talk, sometimes in one language, sometimes in the other. They hold festivais inciuding both Norwegian and English folk-games. They give plays in both tongues. They discuss the relative merits of Norwegian and American culture, and the possible advantages of a combination of both.

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## NEW LONDON GETS THE COLONEL

Henry S. Dorsey Long in the Service of the State Further Honored.

#### TALK ABOUT PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Volunteers Think it Would Be Impossible to Give Any Better Service-Passing of Michael Horan-Democratic Senator and Two Representatives for First Time in Thirty

In the person of George Haven, now vice rendered. Then again the volcaptain of police, New London has been favored with the colonelency of the Third regiment, Connecticut Nation Guard, general commanding the brignde and adjutant general of the state and who is now then it was a conquering the field. it sells only first-quality goods at fair prices. The business of these non-members frequently pays all the ex-penses of the store, leaving the mem-bers their supplies at wholesale prices. brignde and adjutant general of the state, and who is now the only resident who ever commanded the old Third. But for the first time in the history of state troops, New London is now honored with the colonel commanding the Coast Artiliery corps of the state, in the person of Henry S. Dorsey. Like General Haven, he entered the service as a private, and step by step has attained the highest office in that branch of the service. Colonel Dorsey enlisted as a private in Company A. Third regiment, was promoted to corporal, sergeancy, Heutenant, and captained the company in the war with Spain. Subsequently he became major and lieutenant colonel in the Coast Artillery corps since its formation. By the resignation of Colonel Pitch he becomes colonel, having been nominated by the officers of the corps and duly approved by the adjutant general by order of Governor Baldwin, commander in chief. These Hanska farmers didn't step with a co-operative store, however. Seventeen years ago,—two years after the store had started, they organized the store had started, they organized a creamery, also on co-operative lines. This now has 165 members and more than 260 patrons. It does a business of \$70,000 a year. It is made up of about the same people who own and support the store, and they find it quite as important, business-wise to bunch their selling as their buying. They save money or make money both ways.—soung and coming.

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Colonel Dorsey has since youth taken great interest in matters military, and his step by step promotion has been deserved in every instance, and demonstrates that true merit is recognized in the military service of the state. This latest promotion means that the headquarters of the Coast Artillery corps will be at New London, and that once again the city will be the center of military activity, which will have a tendency to revive the drooping spirit that has pervaded in this respect for the past few years. The time was when New London was recognized as an important factor in all that pertained to state military service, and now the indications are that the city is coming back into its own. er in chief. is coming back into its own.

oldest residents who came here from the Emerald Isle, died at his home in Main Emeraid lale, died at his home in Main street Tuesday. Years ago, when the men of 80 of today were schoolboys. Mike Horan was the right hand man of the late Billy Wilson and served as teamster for the Wilson Foundry and Machine shop, which occupied a part of the site of the Paimer Brothers' bedquilt mills. At that time and for years afterward Mr. Horan was known to almost every resident of the city, but when he died there were many who have been residents af the city for a quarter of a century who did not know and probably never heard of such a man as Mike Horan. His last work was for the street department, and he man as Mike Horan. His last work was for the street department, and he was noted for his industry and excellence of character. He was one of the old-timers who in his time knew everybody in the city and was known by everybody. But this condition has been changed by the progress and growth of the city, the doubling of population bringing many new to the city which with the growing generation has had the effect of placing the has-beens out of mind and almost out of sight. Still there are some who remember Mike Horan for over half a century and who knew him as an industrious, hard

Just about once in so often, if just how often that is can be camputed without the aid of a mathematical machine, some fellow who does not understand the workings of the New London fire department with the pald department of other cities, rushes into print with recommendations which he believes would be beneficial to the local department, if adopted. All of which is respectfully received by the volunteer firemen and placed on file. At the present time the fire department is far superior to many that are paid in other cities of the state, and perhaps the strongest proof of this statement is the small fire losses in comparison to the number of fires when compared with the work of paid departments, to say nothing of the statement is the small fire losses in the constituency and the state, without reconstituency and the st furnish all the music that is desired at festivals and the like.

If at any time the young people want to use the hall for what are known as "invitation dances" or for neighborhood gatherings or any other proper purpose, it is rented to them for just enough to pay the cost of light, heat and cleaning. Now Haneks farmers are preparing to start a co-operative laundry, to save the woman-folks the hard work of "wash-days." It isn't actually go-ing, yet, but its promoters are confi-dent that it soon will be. Some of the results of this combina-tion of progressiveness at Hanska may be summarised like this:— It has made and kept the farmers of

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The volunteers rush right into the burning structure with every faith in the stream of water for protection from the flery element, while the paid fireman cautiously puts on water from the with outside, let it strike where it may, but Depot. without desire to take changes of in-jury or the glory there is in it, as they are firemen for the money there is in the work, and, like the great majority of the human herd, do not do any more work than possible for the pay receiv-ed. In consequence the fire losses are unnucessarily increased as the fixed. unnnecessarily increased, as the flood ing process is the mode adopted by the paid fire department, while the volun-teers endeavor to extinguish the fire with the least possible loss.

So all sorts of recommendations are made periodically by advocates of a paid fire department, and perhaps simply because there are no volunteer departments in their old home towns. These fellows seem to know all about paid departments and frown upon such a thing as a volunteer department in a city that pretends to be in the least progressive. One man recently augcity that pretends to be in the least progressive. One man recently suggested that the city have at least one paid company connected with the department and the rest volunteers, and that then better results would be attained. Such a suggestion is amusing to the New London firemen, and is not considered at all practical, and is absolutely unnecessary. The city of New London is fortunate in having such a well equipped department, one such a well equipped department, one of the very best and the most econom-ical in the state of Connecticut. In this matter, as in many others, it is well to leave well enough alone.

For the first time in thirty years New London will have a senator and two democratic representatives in the state legislature, and with a democratic governor. They are Alton T. Miner, a business man, Abel P. Tanner, a representative lawyer, and James R. May, a business man, all without legislative experience, but all who by previous association and experience are well versed in parliamentary law and vious association and experience are well versed in parliamentary law and knowledge in legislative procedure. They will soon grasp the situation and the representatives from New London will figure high in the legislative average. Semator Miner has had long experience in the court of common council, is the senior alderman at the present time, and in the absence of Mayor Mahan will be the acting chief magistrate of the city. He will no doubt be given the chairmanship of some important committee, Mr. Tanner is near the deanship of the bar of New London county and will probably be given don county and will probably be given a place on the judiciary committee, while Mr. May will be given a place on a committee of the higher grade.

Still there are some who remember Mike Horan for over half a century and who knew him as an industrious, hard worker and honest man, and who respect his memory.

Just about once in so often, if just are men who will not devote all their how often that is can be computed

## SOUTH WILLINGTON

LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

### **Tolland County** HEBRON

Pleasure for School Children-Congregational Christmas Tree and Supper Enjoyed.

It has made and kept the farmers of the town prosperous. They are all comfortable and as nearly satisfied as human nature ever is.

It has knocked the sharp edges off sectarianism. Neighbors who frequently rub elbows together at the Community Hall can't keep the corners sharp enough to stick into folks who happen to favor different denominations.

It has helped to stop the drift of young people to the cities. The cooperative work has shown them that farming is even more profitable than anything they can reasonably expect in town: the community work has given them a taste of a clean and wholesome yet wholly satisfying social life. They have good times, really good times, at their gatherings: so good that outsiders flock to them, drawn by an attraction as great as that the city's festivities used to exert.

It has banished the saloons. There used to be a few in Hanska. There are none, now. Nobody wants them. There is somewhere better to go. Schools closed last Friday for one week, with Christmas exercises and Christmas trees. There were 42 visitors and 48 pupils present.

Miss M. J. McNeirnay the primary teacher has been called home on account of serious lilness of her mother. All wish for her speedy return. Mrs. Edmund Horton has taught the school for the past three years and will supply in the absence of the teacher.

C. J. Strand, the principal of the grammar, department, is passing the week in Brattleboro, Vt.

Students Home.

Students Home. Miss Eleanor and Miss Lorens Lord nre at their homes from Northfield for the Christmas recess.

Mrs. Annie Gilbert and daughter Helen are at Dr. Pendieton's for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Etta Horton and Daniel Hor-ton are at Edmund Horton's for the holidays.

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Miss Florence Smith is home from Willimantic Normal school.

Miss Sadle Raymond is home for Christmas.

A number of the young people attended the Christmas exercises in the Jagger district Friday evening where Miss Genevieve Little is teacher.

A number from this village attended the Grange entertainment in Gliead Friday evening. Miss Grace Randall recited, which was highly appreciated. Howard Porter has purchased an systemobile.

At Norwich Hospital.

Now it happens that one of my fore-bears was among the company which gathered round the old cake at "Quinfisis" in 1535, to hear the Rev. John Davenport discourse of Christ's temptation in the wilderness. He was a signer of the "foundamental agreement," drawn up to govern New Haven colony, June 4th 1535. Ever since, for eight generations, the line of my ancestry has lain along New England hills or intervales.

But Fm not ashomed to say that these fresh Norwegians of Hanska have "wiped my eyes" for me.

I don't think it would hurt any of us blooded "Yanks" to learn a lesson from their wisely social and progressively co-operative spirit.

THE FARMER.

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Christmas Gift for Foreman-Committee Named to Provide for Reading

Walter H. Westerfield is home from New York for the holidays.

Joseph Stross was at the Hartford hospital last week to receive treat-ment for his eyes.

Franklin C. Gurley is home from Worcester for the holidays, accom-panied by his cousin, Fred W. Chap-man. Gift for Foreman.

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William H. Brackett was presented a silver shaving set last Monday by the girls in the spooling room of which he is foreman.

Louis C. Dimock is among the home comers for Christmas time. He has entered the employ of a large lumber concern with headquarters in Boston as secretary and will assume his new duties New Year's. A southern trip of a few weeks in January on business is contemplated.

Charles Safranck is in New York for a week's visit with relatives.

Irvin Mott of Norwich called on Mr. and Mrs. William Maine Saturday.

Committee Named.

Committee Named. At the meeting of the men in the hall last Wednesday night to consider ways and means to provide social opportunities for the community the following committee was appointed and

lowing committee was appointed and a plan underway will be heard from later: Robert T. Jones, Rev. E. W. Darrow, Walter E. Malo, Charles E. Allen and James Service, Jr. There seems a possibility of a reading room and perhaps club room or symnasium. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Raney and Miss Annie Tomasko scent Sunday with friends in Willimantic.

Miss Doris Hall and Gardiner H. Hall are home from their schools in Massa. are home from their schools in Massa-chus-its through the holiday vacation.

### RIPLEY HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snyder Celebrate 26th Anniversary.

Mrs. Albert Woodworth fell down stairs recently, spraining her ankle, and badly bruising herself.

The Hilltop Home club is to meet with Mrs. George Clark Jan. 4th, 1913. The club will meet once a month until warm weather.

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marriage Dec. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, and little son Howard, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were guests of P. H. Sherman over

Christmas, Robert G. Sherman of Westbrook is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Topliff dined with
Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Christmas day.
Miss Maud Brigham spent Christmas
with her grandparents at Mansfield

#### SOUTH COVENTRY

Local Hospitality During the Week-Potter-Barber Marriage-Christmas Tree Festival.

Among Christmas visitors were T.
Irving Boynton of New Haven, Samuel Hall of Meriden, Mr. and Mrs.
N. S. Light and Miss Gertrude Macfarland of Suffield, John I. Hull of
Schenectady, Mrs. Darby of Sterling,
Miss Anna Light of Boston, Edgar
Light of Andover, Mass., Miss Fanny
White of Brooklyn, Miss Margaret,
Brown of Mt. Holyoke, William J.
Wilson of Worcester, Misses Ruth and
Ruby Higgins of Mt. Holyoke, Migs
Alice Latimer of Wellesley, Miss Euphemia D. Christie of Boston and Miss
Sarah Christie at Rev. George W.
Christie's.

Christies.

Rev. and Mrs. Duncan Dodd spent
Christmas at home in Ansonia.

Mrs. Dewitt Kingsbury was at her
sister's in Lyme over Christmas. Potter-Barber.

Miss Ida Barber and David Potter were married Monday evening at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Duncan Dodd. After they return from their wedding journey they will reside here. They were attended by Miss Annie Clark and Charles Barber.

Congregational Christmas Festival. There was a Christmas tree and en-tertalment at the Congregational church Tuesday evening, largely at-tended. Popular numbers on the protended. Popular numbers on the pro-gram were vocal selections by the Misses Nons, Bestrice and Mildred Hermance and Miss Nellie Albertin, accompanied by Mrs. Agnes Armstrong at the piano. Much interest was man-ifest in the recitations and songs of five and six-year-old Civa and Joiva Laminan, blind orphan brothers from the Perkins institution for the blind, Boston. The children are Christmas guests of Miss Euphemia D. Christie, principal of the kindergarten depart-ment in this institution. Lawrence Sherman as Santa gave great satisment in this institution. Lawrence Sherman as Santa gave great satisfaction to young and old. Among gifts distributed from the tree were an opai brooch from the choir and congregation to Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, organist; an umbrelia, from the Y. P. S. C. E. to Rev. Nestor Light; silver spoons from her class to Mrs. Nestor Light. Mrs. Light has also been presented a pearl brooch by the ladies of the Missionary association and friends. Royal M. Rose's gift of large oranges was appreciated by all as they were distributed throughout the audience.

### BOLTON

Old Woman in the Shoe and All Her Children at Congregational Sunday School Festival-Grange Interests.

Grange Meeting.

The grange meeting last week was in charge of the sisters, who furnished a program which consisted of readings, recitations, songs, music on the harmonica and a humorous dialogue entitled, Packing the Missionary Barrel, by ten sisters, which was followed by a supper. The meeting this week is in charge of the officers, each officer to have his station decorated to represent one month of the year and to have some part in the literary program appropriate to his month.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sumner and children spent Christmas day in Hartford the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hilton.

J. Wesson Phelps entertained his father from Massachusetts over the Christmas vacation.

School Supervisor A. N. Potter of Willimantic was in town the first of the week.

Walter Dewey has been visiting his sister. Mrs. J. G. Kneeland. in Torrestories.

### ELLINGTON

The Sunday school held its Christ-nas tree and exercises Tuesday even-Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Raymond Pinney of South Manchester spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Richard-

in Hartford with relatives.

Miss Mabel Thompson and Miss
Emily McKnight are home for the holools closed last Friday with Christmas programme and tree. Mr. Eccles and family were in Rock-ville for Christmas at Mr. Ryan's.

### NORTH COVENTRY

Festival on Christmas Eve-Brief Va cation for Pastor.

The Sundsy school entertainment and Christmas tree was held in the church Tuesday evening. Dec. 14th.
Rev. H. M. Bartiett paster of the Second Congregational church, left Wednesday for his home in Haverhill, Mass., to spend a short vacation.
Miss May Secor and Mr. and Mrs. Sivity are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Secor over the holidays.
R. A. Hall of East Hartford spent Christmas at his old home here.
Schools closed on Friday, Dec. 21st for the winter vacation,

Technically, says Senator Beverldge the progressives lost the election. Which would they prefer for 1915, a technical victory or another real one? —New York Post.

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